



LEARNING CENTER NEWS

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday–Friday
0630–1530

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City University
On Base Fall Classes
Winter Quarter 2008

Potential offerings are listed below please notify ESO/ESS with your preferences.

- ~Intro to Psychology
- ~Intro to American Government
- ~Intro to Political Science
- ~Environmental Science

Tuition Assistance (TA) Update

- To access the most current Tuition Assistance Request form, go to CG Institute web page:
- <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi/tuition/4147.pdf>

TA Applications should be submitted to CG Institute via your ESO **no later than two weeks** and no more than three months prior to the course start date. Any applications received less than two weeks prior to the course start date require a waiver request on new CGI Form 4147-1.

FY08 Funding - TA applications with a class start date through **30 November 2007** will be processed. While the Coast Guard continues to operate under a continuing resolution (CR), expenditure is limited based on the operating/FUNDED procedures of the CR.

Why Service Members Return to College: Or Decide To Go For The First Time

By: Brion Newman

Why are so many of your shipmates deciding to return to school? There are a number of reasons: develop or change career options, increase income potential, distance learning, officer programs, family responsibility, professional and personal satisfaction.

Some students drift away from school for a while, but often return focused and ready to begin again. What happens in the meantime? What makes them such great candidates for academia? It's simple: they become adults.

Whether you're in the Coast Guard or if you are a veteran, you'll probably do well since you'll already

have the discipline you'll need to survive college level classes. You'll be surprised how many of your daily life skills, many learned in the Coast Guard, such as making lists, organizing your time, and focusing on the task at hand will translate into classroom success.

Occasionally, I meet with Service members who will soon retire/separate from the Coast Guard and decide to transition to civilian life via higher education. They quickly learn that many jobs require a bachelor's degree at a minimum, and with the help of the MGB benefit, get excited about the prospect of going back to school full-time. College represents

a new opportunity to explore abilities while enhancing career options. Returning to college often builds confidence and a new credential that many years in the Coast Guard might not have provided.

Many Service members would agree, that college is a good idea, no matter what your academic or personal history. The next step, after deciding to return to school, is overcoming any natural worry that may accompany that decision.

Well, relax. The back-to-school jitters are part of the process. College isn't a cure-all, but it can be part of the answer.



RECOGNITION CORNER



Congratulations to the following members who during the previous month have passed an End of Course Test (EOCT), Advancement Qualification Exam or received college level credit for a DANTES type exam. If you or someone you know has recently earned a degree or certification we would like to post the significant achievement

EOCT's & AQE's:

ENS Andrea Rask, IIMS
BM3 Kacy Fischer, BM2
ET2 Brett Hogan, EPME E-6
BM3 Ivan Ruiz, SARFUNDS
BM3 Chantz McClain, SARFUNDS
LT Jowcol Vina, DWINTO
SN Mike Dahir, EMPE E-4
DC3 Daniel Baldwin, DC2
SN Dana Carver, EPME E4

EOCT's & AQE's

DC2 Evan Gailey, DC1
ET2 Timothy Marvin, EOCT-ET1
GM2 Neil Bacewicz, GM1
MK3 Scott Isenhardt, MK2
SK3 Tyler Howland, SK2
GM2 Brandon Hayward, GM1

DANTES Type Exam

MK3 Eric Gee — CLEP Social Science & History earning 3 ACE recommended college credits.

College Advisors Visiting The Learning Center

College Rep Advising November 2007

November 8 - *Excelsior College*,
Jeanie Dahlby.

November 2- *Coastline Commu-
nity College*, Doug Hughes , 0900-
1200.

November 2 - *Thomas Edison
College*, George Berko, 0800-
1200.

TBD - *City University*, Beverly
Johnson.

Coastline Community College Military Spouse Program Offers

~Reduced Tuition Rate— only
\$59 per semester hour.

~FREE Textbooks

~Entire Degree Online - access
your computer from anyplace.

~Five 8-week sessions per year
earn your degree faster

~No Fees

~Five degree options.

~**Enrollment Opens Nov 19th for
Spring Session**

~ For more information go to
<http://military.coastline.edu>

Leadership and Management School (LAMS)

~The LAMS workshop focuses on the **Leading Others** competencies. Topics include leader's personal perspective, motivation, strategic leadership team activities, leadership communications, performance problem solving, performance appraisal, and ethical fitness. This weeklong workshop will be offered onsite at ISC Seattle from **10 DEC 07 to 14 DEC 07** (0800 to 1600).

~Successful completion of this course may be worth three upper-level college credits. This depends on the educational institution. Please see your servicing ESO for details.

Target Audience: E-5s

~Important Note: LAMS is mandatory for advancement to E-6 on the **May 2009 SWE**. Other eligible students : E-6, O-1 to O-3, GS-7 to GS-11, WG-5 to WG-10, Auxiliaries.

~**To request a quota** for the December class please contact OSCS Jason Schmidt @ (206) 216-6617.

CG Education Record

~Service members are reminded to update their service records when a **significant education event** takes place, e.g. earning an Associates or Bachelors degree. We will notify the CG Institute which will add your name to their "achievers list" on their website as a way of congratulating you and recognizing your accomplishment.

~The Coast Guard Institute cannot, however, update your official record in Direct Access. Only the **Servicing Personnel Office (SPO) and ESO** can update a Service member's record.

Vander Putten Family Scholarships

The Vander Putten Family Scholarship (VPFS) Fund, administered by the CG Institute for the CG Foundation, is offering **fifty grants of up to five hundred dollars** each for expenses incurred during **CY 2007**.

Mr. Roy Vander Putten, a former enlisted member of the Coast Guard, is now a senior executive in the Insurance Industry. He credits his CG training and experience with providing the

solid foundation to excel both academically and in business.

Applicant Eligibility:

- ~Must have already used the three hundred and fifty dollars maximum allowed under the CG Foundation Education Grant for CY 2007 expenses.
- ~Must be enlisted member in an active duty status, serving in pay grades **E-3 to E-9**.
- ~ Must be enrolled in an accredited institution in a degree

program or Tech/Vocational school.

- ~Must maintain a GPA established by the institution to maintain degree status.
- ~Must maintain satisfactory conduct on your EER.
- ~See **ALCOAST 417/07** for more information and deadlines.
- ~To date, CG Institute reports they have received only one Vander Putten application. Deadline for submission is **1 DEC 07**.

Got an iPod?

iTunes University is the newest delivery system for distance learning courses. It's much like the PDA program from Coastline Community College, but delivered via your standard iPod.

For more information check
www.apple.com/education/products/ipod

Prepare for SAT & ACT with FREE Study Materials

As their way of thanking the men and women in uniform for their sacrifice and service to country. **eKnowledge Corporation** and a group of patriotic NFL players have again pledged up to \$10 million to provide quality SAT/ACT study materials at not cost. Members of the military and their families can receive these highly acclaimed eKnowledge SAT/ACT Test Preparation Programs, which normally sell for \$200, **for only the cost of shipping and handling**.

Active Duty, Reserve or retired service personnel should visit <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil> to confirm their military status through the secure DoD DEERS main database. The website will then forward them to the eKnowledge/NFL sponsorship order page.